

**Enhancement in the irrigation capacity of MP**

† 1829. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposal for schemes to enhance the irrigation capacity in Madhya Pradesh which are under consideration of the Central Government;

(b) by when the sanction to these schemes is likely to be given;

(c) the total amount likely to be provided to Madhya Pradesh this year under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme; and

(d) the number of schemes which are likely to be approved this year under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BUOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) Only one proposal *viz* Madhya Pradesh Water Resources Consolidation Project which envisages system improvement and farmer turnover in 44 Nos. of existing Irrigation systems has been received in the Central Water Commission for techno economic clearance. The scheme has been returned to the State Government in April, 2001 for resubmission of fresh proposal in view of bifurcation of the State into Mahdya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

(c) and (d) The allocation under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) are made on year to year basis for those ongoing irrigation projects which satisfy the AIBP criteria and are proposed by the State, subject to availability of funds and the budget outlays provided by the State for these projects in their respective annual plans and keeping in view State ceiling of Central Loan Assistance prescribed by Planing Commission for the year which is Rs. 205.00 crore for 2001-2002.